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E.O. 11652: "GDS-1

TAGS: MILI, KE, US

SUBJECT: PROPOSED PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS OF ;OMBASA GUAM  
VISIT AND NAIROBI FLY-BY

REFS: A. NAIROBI 12957 B. NAIROBI 13024 C. USCINCEUR  
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JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE

1. IN LIGHT OF KENYAN OBJECTIONS CITED REF B AND POTENTIAL  
TERRORIST PROBLEM ADDRESSED REF C, STATE AND DEFENSE AGREE  
TO PUBLIC AFFAIRS PLAN REF C, WITH OMISSION OF ANY RE-  
REFERENCE TO KENYA IN NOVEMBER 30 ANNOUNCEMENT OR IN RE-  
SPONSE TO QUESTIONS. PARAS H AND I, REF C, SHOULD THERE-  
FORE READ:

"H. PROPOSED ANNOUNCEMENT BY US NAVY IN LONDON ON NOV. 30,  
1976 AT 1100 GMT WOULD READ AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE. THE US  
NAVY TODAY ANNOUNCED IN LONDON THAT THE USS GUAM (LP;-9)  
AND THE USS CLAUDE V. RICKETTS (DDG-5) ARE SCHEDULED TO  
TRANSIT THE SUEZ CANAL TOMORROW, DECEMBER 1, EN ROUTE  
TO THE INDIAN OCEAN FOR ROUTINE OPERATIONS. THE TASK  
GROUP WILL BE COMMANDED BY CAPT. T.A. STANLEY, USN, WHO IS  
COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE USS GUAM. UNQUOTE.

"I. FOLLOWING Q7A'S PROPOSED FOR ANSWER TO QUERY:

"Q.1. IS THIS THE FIRST TIME THAT US SHIPS HAVE TRANSITTED  
THE SUEZ CANAL SINCE IT REOPENED?

"A.1. NO. SHIPS DEPLOYING TO THE MIDDLE EAST FORCE HAVE  
TRANSITTED THE SUEZ CANAL SINCE ITS REOPENING.

"Q.2. DOES THIS DEPLOYMENT MEAN AN INCREASED US PRESENCE  
IN THE INDIAN OCEAN?

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"A.2. NO. THIS DEPLOYMENT CONFORMS TO A USG POLICY TO  
PERIODICALLY OPERATE A VARIETY OF SHIPS IN THE INDIAN  
OCEAN.

"Q.3. HOW MANY "COMBAT" MARINES WILL BE EMBARKED IN  
GUAM?

"A.3. ONLY MARINE AVIATION, AVIATION SUPPORT  
AND A MODEST MARINE SECURITY DETACHMENT WILL BE EMBARKED  
IN GUAM FOR THIS VISIT.

"A.4. WILL EITHER SHIP CARRY NUCLEAR WEAPONS?

"A.4. IT IS A LONG-STANDING POLICY OF THE USG TO NEITHER  
CONFIRM NOR DENY THE PRESENCE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

"Q.5. DOES THIS DEPLOYMENT INVOLVE ANY "ARMS SELLING"  
ASPECTS?

"A.5. NO.

"A.6. WHAT ARE THE JET AIRCRAFT PARKED ON THE GUAM'S  
FLIGHTDECK AND WHY?

"A.6. THE AIRCRAFT ARE USMC AV-8 HARRIER VTOL JET AIR-  
CRAFT. THE GUAM IS THE SHIP THAT WAS USED DURING THE  
MANY MONTHS OF EVALUATING THE HARRIER AND ITS CREW IS  
QUALIFIED FOR HARRIER OPERATIONS." ROBINSON

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